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instruments. We recommend this book, not only because it has a recondite and learned aspect, but because from turning over its leaves we see that it is just such a book as we have needed for more than a score of years, (yet without supposing that it would ever be made,) and as we anticipate using frequently to our own satisfaction and profit.

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7. — *The Magic Word*. By ALTON. Boston: James Munroe & Co. 1855. 16mo. pp. 183.

WE have been asked (not by the author directly or indirectly) to notice this beautifully printed volume of poems, the first of which gives its title to the whole. We can do nothing better for it than to quote the first stanza, which, as to originality of thought, power of expression, and euphony of versification, seems to us a fair index of the author's poetical ability.

"There is a word — the *word* of words,
To which a charm is lent,
That keeps the universe alive,
This word — ENCOURAGEMENT.
'T is like a main-spring to the world,
That, with a sovereign sway,
Whene'er the ball would cease its course,
Impels it on its way."

8. — *The Christian Life, Social and Individual*. By PETER BAYNE, M. A. Boston: Gould and Lincoln. 1855. 24mo. pp. 528.

MR. BAYNE is a writer of no ordinary power and merit. With occasional instances of overwrought expression and excessive ornament, his style is generally graceful and always strong, and abounds in passages of rare brilliancy and beauty. His object is to refute the pantheism and the hero-worship of the Carlyle school, by exhibiting, in the first place, those elements of Christianity which are essential to the highest individual and social development, and, secondly, by demonstrating historically the indebtedness of the noblest types of humanity in Christendom to specific Christian ideas, principles, and impulses. In prosecution of the second part of this design, he introduces biogra-

phies of Howard, Wilberforce, Budgett, John Foster, Arnold, and Chalmers. These sketches are drawn at once with a bold and a delicate hand, and are admirable specimens of argument so embodied in fact as, without the show of reasoning, to retain its undiminished weight and efficacy. At the same time, as mere sketches of personal history and character, they are clear, discriminating, comprehensive, and full, and that of Howard especially we regard as the best memoir of him that we have ever read.

9. — *Beginning and Growth of the Christian Life ; or, The Sunday-School Teacher.* Boston : Crosby, Nichols, & Co. 1855. 12mo. pp. 190.

THE thesis of this book is the obvious, yet neglected axiom, that the teacher who would train Christians should be a Christian. It commends itself to the religious public by its sincerity and earnestness, its simplicity and directness, its tokens of keen observation and large experience in the author, and its aim, one of transcendent moment to our churches and to individual souls.

10. — *Reformers before the Reformation, principally in Germany and the Netherlands.* Depicted by DR. C. ULLMAN. The Translation by the REV. ROBERT MENZIES. Vol. I. Edinburgh : T. & T. Clark. 1855. 8vo. pp. 416.

THE body of this volume contains the lives of John of Goch, and John of Wesel, with the ecclesiastical history of their times grouped around their names ; while the Appendix performs the same office for the lives and surroundings of Hans Böheim and Cornelius Grapheus. It is especially a valuable contribution to the history of Christian dogmas, while at the same time it aids in retrieving from oblivion men whose action upon the popular mind at once transmitted its impulse to the Reformers, and prepared a congenial soil for their tilth. John of Goch, without exciting suspicion or incurring persecution as a heretic, promulgated a theology which might be defined as pure Augustinianism free from the accretions of later centuries, and gave currency to notions opposed to the exclusive and arbitrary control of the hierarchy, and